

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-57, 59, 61, 63, 65, and 67-99 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 33-38, 51, 53, 55, and 57 are amended, claims 58, 60, 62, 64, and 66 have been canceled, and claims 67-99 are added. Support for the subject matter in claims 67-99 is found in the specification, for example, beginning at line 21 on page 9. No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Personal Interview

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Nguyen during a personal interview on March 23, 2006, with Applicant's undersigned representative. During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed revising the language of the independent claims. Examiner Nguyen proposed language to the claims and stated that such language overcomes the rejections based on U.S. Patent No. 5,903,878 to Talati *et al.* ("Talati"). Each independent claim is amended herein to include the language agreed upon at the interview.

Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-9, 11-26, 28, 31, 37, 38, 51, 53, 57, 59, 61, and 65 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Talati. This rejection is respectfully traversed. In an effort to advance prosecution, however, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 37, 38, 51, 53, and 57 to include the proposed language discussed at the interview. Therefore, Applicant

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection has been overcome and that independent claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 37, 38, 51, 53, and 57 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claims 3-8, 11-16, 18-21, 23-26, 28, 31, 59, 61, and 65 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 37, 38, 51, 53, and 57. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

The Office Action rejects claims 27, 29, 30, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Talati in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,708,422 to Blonder, *et al.* ("Blonder"). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 27, 29, 30, and 32 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 37, 38, 51, 53, and 57. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

The Office Action rejects claims 33-36, 39, 40, 45-48, 55, 56, 63, and 64 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Talati in view of Blonder and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,903,721 to Sixtus ("Sixtus"). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 56 and 64 have been canceled and in an effort to advance prosecution, Applicant has amended independent claims 33-36 to include the language discussed at the interview. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection has been overcome and that independent claims 33-36 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claims 39, 40, 45-48, 55, and 63 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 33-37, 38, 51, 53, and 57. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

The Office Action rejects claims 41-44, 49, 50, 52, 54, 58, 60, 62, and 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Talati in view of Sixtus. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims

58, 60, 62, and 66 have been canceled. Claims 41-44, 49, 50, 52, and 54 depend from at least one of independent claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 33-37, 38, 51, and 53. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

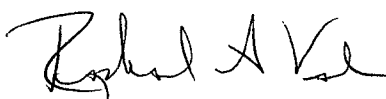
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant believes this application is in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 202-861-1706 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

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